



IUID

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Identification

IUID Team Excellence Award

Mr. Paul Varian

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Ms. LeAntha Sumpter, (Deputy Director for Program Development and Implementation, Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for AT&L) presents Mr. Paul Varian (Robotic Systems Joint Program Office) with an IUID Team Excellence Award.



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Since the IUID Policy was introduced in 2003, it has been rapidly implemented by Department of Defense (DoD) Program Managers, Depots, Automatic Identification Technology (AIT) Solution Providers, Government Leaders and DoD Suppliers. Many stakeholders have fully embraced IUID to improve data quality, standardize serialization, and take advantage of automatic data capture to revolutionize existing business processes. Although there have been some challenges in IUID implementation, the rewards far outweigh the challenges, transforming current DoD business practices. Through individual and organizational dedication and resolve, over 3 million items have been entered into the IUID Registry.

The April 8-9 2008 UID & eBusiness Forum, held in Huntsville, Alabama, marked the first distribution of the IUID Team Excellence Award. This award recognizes teams that successfully deployed IUID above and beyond standard adoption.

Mr. Paul Varian, a logistics management specialist with the Robotic Systems Joint Project Office (RSJPO), headquartered in Warren, Michigan, is currently the Joint Robotic Repair & Fielding division chief. The Joint Robotic Repair Fielding (JRRF) serves to provide in-theater support equipment support to ground robots. With a turnaround time of 4 hours to get a repaired robot to the warfighter, the use of a globally unique item identifier marked on each robot and its critical embedded components in a machine readable format, connected to an Automated Information System or database, is a key step towards achieving sense and respond logistics.

Beginning in November, 2007, the JRRF successfully implemented IUID and integrated data within the Catalog Ordering Logistic Tracking System (COLTS), achieving significant benefits. These benefits include reduced repair cycle time, integrated configuration management of supply chain management actions, and an operational rate of 100% for all supported platforms. Further, routine logistics processes have been streamlined with IUID and handheld scanners. As a result of creating data that is more accessible, more accurate and actively used to manage assets throughout the lifecycle, IUID and Supply Chain Management integration saves money, time, and ultimately lives on the battlefield. During this period of COLTS' SCM activity, 64 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) robots were rebuilt from destroyed condition for a cost savings of approximately \$3.2 million dollars. In addition, as of November, 2007, COLTS had processed over 6,000 completed work orders, 26,000 maintenance actions and shipped close to 5,000 items.

Prior to working for the RSJPO, Mr. Varian was a shift manager with General Electric Power System (GEPS) where he completed his Six Sigma Green Belt certification. In addition, he also served for twenty years in the Army in various roles supporting Air Defense Weapons systems, and retired in September, 2001, as a Chief Warrant Officer Three (CW-3).

Mr. Varian is directly associated with these successes, and is recognized for his amazing team leadership of the Robotic Systems Joint Program Office. Team members include Mr. Y.Y Wong, SPAWAR San Diego; Mr. Barry Jones, Northrop Grumman; Mr. Beau Bowden, T&W Communications; and Mr. Gerry Perlmutter, Advantix. Additional project details can be found at www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/uid/.